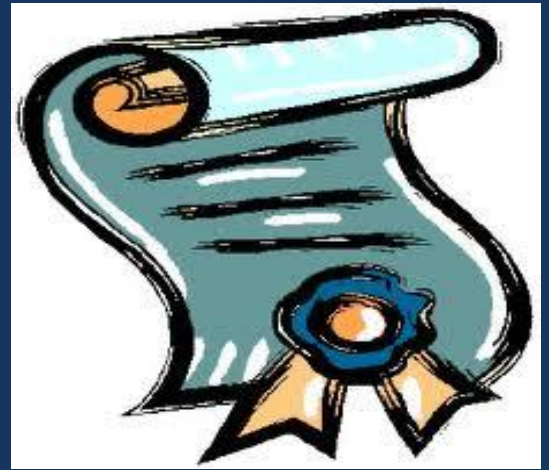


The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: April 2012



This newsletter is dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County as well as bills under consideration by the Maryland General Assembly that I believe may be of interest to you. Included within each section you will find a brief description of each of the proposed legislation and a link to view online.

I hope you find this information helpful and are able to



take advantage of this opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation for consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. You can also

take advantage of the opportunity to sign-up to testify online for Council bills. To do so, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/IframeTemplate.aspx?ID=6442455146>. If you would like to submit testimony to the Howard County Delegation on bills under consideration by the Maryland General Assembly, please email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

Howard County Council INTRODUCTIONS

*All current Council legislation can be found online at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Displayprimary.aspx?ID=4294968832>.

CR29-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Chinwe Calista Adetula to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR30-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Deborah Jean Fleischmann to the Commission on Aging.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR31-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of G. Scott Harding to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR32-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Helen H. Liu to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR33-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ivette Lopez to the Human Rights Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR34-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Julia Mattis to the Commission on Aging.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR35-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Otha Myles, M.D. to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR36-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sharon Schwemin to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR37-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Thomas Stanitis to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR38-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Carol A. Beatty to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR39-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jacqueline Morais Easley to the Planning Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR40-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Naureen Elahi to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR41-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Pamela K. Grady to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR42-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Saba S. Sheikh, M.D., F.A.C.P. to the Commission on Aging.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR43-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sang Kyun Shin, M.D. to the Commission on Aging.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR44-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Daniel E. Tracy, Jr. to the Recreation & Parks Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINANCIAL

SAO6-FY2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$110,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Recreation and Parks for the Hazardous Tree Removal Program.

Final Action:

Votes:

SAO7-FY2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$9,975 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for the purchase of an Earth Tub Composter.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB11-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to issue and sell its refunding revenue bonds, as limited obligations and not upon its full faith and credit in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$6,200,000 in order to refund all of the County's Golf Course Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2003 Series A, which financed or refinanced the costs of the Timbers at Troy golf course; providing that such refunding bonds or other obligations be payable from funds and revenues received from or in connection with such golf course and other funds that may be made available under a financing agreement; providing for the private (negotiated) sale of the bonds; authorizing the execution of a financing agreement; approving the form, manner and tenor of the bonds; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve certain matters, details, documents or procedures; authorizing the establishment of a debt service reserve fund with respect to the bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB10-2012

Introduced By Council Member Calvin Ball Co-sponsored by Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa, and Courtney Watson

AN ACT permitting a homeowners association or common ownership community to submit certain documentation that a unit owner seeking a County issued rental license is delinquent on certain fees or violating certain bylaws or covenants; permitting the denial of

rental license applications for failing to pay fees or other obligations to the association or community; permitting the denial of a rental license renewal request for failing to pay fees or violating obligations to the association or community; authorizing the Director of the Department of Licenses, Permits and Inspections to suspend or revoke a rental housing license if a homeowners association or common ownership community provides certain documentation indicating a unit owner with a rental license is delinquent on fees or other obligations to the association or community; authorizing the Director of the Department of Licenses, Inspections and Permits to revoke a rental license for false statements on an application; and generally relating to homeowners association and common ownership community fees and obligations, and rental housing licenses.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB12-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT adopting the International Building Code, 2012, the International Residential Code, 2012, the International Mechanical Code, 2012, and the International Energy Conservation Code, 2012; providing that such codes collectively comprise the Howard County Building Code; regulating the design, construction, alteration, improvement, or modification of a building, structure, or other related equipment; adopting certain local amendments to the Building Code; adopting penalties for the violation of the Building Code; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to building and construction regulations in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB13-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT adopting the 2011 National Electrical Code as the Electrical Code for Howard County; regulating the design, construction, alteration, improvement or modification to electrical equipment; adopting certain local amendments to the Electrical Code; and generally relating to the electrical requirements in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR45-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting Howard County's Annual Action Plan for housing and community services to qualify for the receipt of federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR46-2012

Introduced by the Chairperson

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on May 23, 2012.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINAL CONSIDERATION

FINANCIAL

SA05-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$53,402 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Corrections for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

Final Action: Passed 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

GENERAL

CB7-2012 Amendment 1

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of Cynthia Lynn and David Lynn

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Conditional Uses Section to establish a new Conditional Use category that allows boutique hotels under certain conditions; and generally related to boutique hotels.

Final Action: Passed as amended 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CB8-2012 (ZRA 136)

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the The Liparini Company

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to permit the MXD District regulations to reduce the minimum percentage of employment use land area which may be used in MXD-6 developments that provide age-restricted adult housing from 9% to 7%; and generally related to employment use land area in MXD.

Final Action: Passed 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CB9-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT repealing the requirement that the County fire and rescue tax be based on separate districts; removing certain obsolete language; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act; providing that this Act may be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be construed to apply to certain matters arising before a certain date; and generally relating to the County fire and rescue tax.

Final Action: Passed 3/29/2012

Votes: Yea – Council Members Ball, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Nay – Council Member Fox

TABLED

CR150-2011

Introduced By, Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/2011

Votes: Yea – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Nay – Council Member Ball

CB3-2012 (ZRA 135) **Amendments 1**

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of Viram Patel

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Riding Academies and Stables Conditional Use category to change required setback provisions; and generally relating to Riding Academies and Stables.

Final Action: Life Extended & Tabled 3/5/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR17-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rosemary Brown Beakes to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR18-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mickey Day to the the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR19-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Connie M. Molter to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR20-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mary Jo Neil to the Commission for Women.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR21-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Paula M. Schultz to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR22-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ligeia Shin-Zeruto to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR23-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stan Vornovitsky, Ph. D., to the Commission on Aging.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR24-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Laureen G. Wylie to the Commission on Aging.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR25-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Shirley Barber to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR26-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Franklin V. Eastham, Jr. to the Human Rights Commission.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR27-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Lynn Parlett Moore to the State Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board and to the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

CR28-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Deborah St. Lawrence Thompson to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action: Tabled 3/29/2012

Votes: Unanimous

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Thursday, April 19, 2012 Quarterly meeting with Board of Education at 8:15am
- Thursday, April 19, 2012 Work Session – Capital Budget (except Education) at 1pm. C. Vernon Gray Room
- Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Option Work Session at 4:30pm
- Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Legislative Work Session at 4:30pm
- Monday, April 30, 2012 Public Hearing Operating Budget (except Education) at 7:30pm
- Wednesday, May 2, 2012 Work Session (Operating) at 8:30am in the C. Vernon Gray Room

- Monday, May 7, 2012 Constant Yield at 7pm
- Monday, May 7, 2012 Legislative Session at 7:30pm
- Thursday, May 10, 2012 Work Session, Community Services, Funds, Revenues at 9:30am in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Thursday, May 10, 2012 Public Hearing at 11am in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Saturday, May 12, 2012 Public Hearing (Operating Capital) Education, Library, HCC at 9am

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/displayprimary.aspx?ID=6442459444>.

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed real time on this website.

Howard County Delegation Sponsored Bills



The 2012 legislative session began January 11, 2012 and will last for 90 days, adjourning on April 9, 2012. So that our residents may stay engaged in topics impacting Howard County, I wanted to share with you some bills that may be of interest to you.

HB1046 (Howard County – Alcoholic Beverage Sales – Golf Courses) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of altering the starting time for selling beer, wine, and liquor at certain golf courses in Howard

County that hold a certain license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

Status: Passed both Houses. Awaiting signature from Governor.

To view this bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1046.htm>

HB1047 (Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Beer Containers) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of altering the starting time for selling beer, wine, and liquor at certain golf courses in Howard County that hold a certain license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

Status: Passed both Houses. Awaiting signature from Governor.

To view this bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1047.htm>

HB1075 (Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Supported Living Facility) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$130,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Supported Living, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Status: House: Unfavorable Report by Appropriations. Senate: No Action.

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1075.htm>

HB1076 (Creation of a State Debt – Carroll Baldwin Hall) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Carroll Baldwin Memorial Institute, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and

sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Status: House: Unfavorable Report by Appropriations.

Senate: No Action.

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1076.htm>

HB1077 (Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – South Branch Park) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Status: House: Unfavorable Report by Appropriations.

Senate: No Action.

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1077.htm>

HB1078 (Creation of a State Debt – Roger Carter Recreation Center) Introduced by the Howard County Chair at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Status: House: Unfavorable Report by Appropriations.

Senate: No Action.

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1078.htm>

HB 1125 (Howard County – Casino Events - Authorized) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations to hold certain casino events in Howard County at certain intervals of time; requiring an organization to obtain a

permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the Howard County Executive to forward a recommendation to the Howard County Council concerning the fee to be charged for a permit; requiring the County Council adopt by resolution the amount of the permit fee; specifying the types of organizations eligible to conduct a casino event; requiring a permit holder for a casino event to ensure that certain standards are met; prohibiting a permit holder from offering cumulative money prizes in excess of a certain amount; specifying certain prohibited acts and reporting requirements for a permit holder for a casino event; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations governing casino events; altering in Howard County the application of certain general provisions of law governing gaming in the State; establishing certain exceptions to prohibitions against conducting a casino event or operating or awarding prizes using certain gaming devices; and generally relating to casino events in Howard County.

Status: House Last Action: Hearing 3/13/12. Senate: No Action

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1125.htm>

HB1175 (Howard County – Workers’ Compensation – Students in Unpaid Work-Based Learning Experiences) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of Education to waive the requirement that a participating employer reimburse the county for the cost of certain workers’ compensation insurance coverage for students placed in unpaid work-based learning experiences; and generally relating to the waiver of workers’ compensation reimbursement in connection with unpaid work-based learning experiences.

Status: Passed both Houses. Awaiting signature from Governor.

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1175.htm>

HB1189 (Howard County – Deputy Sheriffs – Collective Bargaining) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Authorizing the representatives of full-time deputy sheriffs at the rank of sergeant and below in the Office of the Sheriff of Howard County to bargain collectively

with the Sheriff on specified issues; authorizing deputy sheriffs to take specified actions with regard to collective bargaining; providing for the procedures for certifying a labor organization as a certified labor organization for collective bargaining; etc.

Status: Passed both Houses. Awaiting signature from Governor.

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1189.htm>

HB1264 (Howard County – Massage Establishment and Taxicab Licenses – Criminal History Records Check) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits to request from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository a State and national criminal history records check for an applicant for a massage establishment license, taxicab license, or renewal of a massage establishment license or taxicab license; requiring that the department submit certain sets of fingerprints and fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a criminal history records check; requiring the Central Repository to forward to the applicant and the department the applicant’s criminal history record information under certain circumstances; establishing that information obtained from the Central Repository under this Act is confidential, may not be disseminated, and may be used only for certain purposes; authorizing a subject of a criminal history records check under this Act to contest the contents of a certain printed statement issued by the Central Repository; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to adopt guidelines to carry out this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to criminal history records checks in Howard County.

Status: Passed both Houses. Awaiting signature from Governor.

To view the bill online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1264.htm>

HB1350 (Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 – Howard County – Troy Regional Park) Sponsored by: Howard County Delegation

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 to provide that a grant for the Troy Regional Park may not terminate before June 1, 2014, etc.

Status: House: Unfavorable report by Appropriations.

Senate: No Action.

To view this bill online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb1350.htm>

Maryland State General Assembly Legislation



The Maryland General Assembly has adjourned. In order for our residents to stay engaged in topics that may affect Howard County, I have shared some bills that may be of interest to you. This section differs from the Howard County Delegation Section above as these bills are sponsored by those outside the Howard County Delegation.

House Bill 1 (Environment - Recycling - Apartment Buildings and Condominiums) Sponsored by Delegate Stephen W. Lafferty

Requiring owners or managers of apartment buildings or condominiums that contain 10 or more units to provide residents with the opportunity for recycling on or before October 1, 2013; requiring specified owners or managers, beginning on March 1, 2014, to report annually on recycling activities to the county in which the property is located; requiring that the recycling required under the Act be done in accordance with county recycling plans; specifying a civil penalty for a violation of the Act; etc.
Status: Passed both Houses. Awaiting signature from Governor.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0001.htm>

House Bill 2 (Public School Buildings - Carbon Monoxide Detection and Warning Equipment) Sponsored by Delegate Cheryl D. Glenn

Requiring the construction or remodeling of public school buildings to conform to a standard for the installation of carbon monoxide detection and warning

equipment for commercial structures; and making the Act an emergency measure.

Status: Passed both Houses. Approved by Governor, 4/10/12 Chapter 39.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0002.htm>

House Bill 21 (Environment - Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing - Repeal of Obsolete Language) Sponsored by Delegate Tony McConkey

Removing obsolete language in provisions relating to reduction of lead risk in rental housing; and making conforming changes.

Status: House: Passed. Senate: Unfavorable report by Judicial Proceedings.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0021.htm>

House Bill 55 (Motor Vehicles - Use of Text Messaging Device While Driving) Sponsored by Delegate James E. Malone, Jr.

Altering the definition of "wireless communication device" to include a hand-held or hands free telephone but to remove from the definition a text messaging device; establishing that a specified prohibition against a minor using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle does not apply to the use of a text messaging device; altering the enforcement provision of the prohibition against a minor texting while driving; etc.

Status: Passed both Houses. Awaiting signature from Governor.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/HB0055.htm>

House Bill 123 (Vehicle Laws - Wireless Communication Devices - Enforcement of Prohibitions on Use While Driving) Sponsored by Delegate Galen R. Clagett

Repealing provisions of law that require enforcement as a secondary offense of specified prohibitions against the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

Status: House: Unfavorable report by Environmental Matters. Withdrawn. Senate: No Action.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/HB0123.htm>

House Bill 169 (Environment - At-Store Recycling - Plastic Carryout Bags) Sponsored by Delegate Lafferty

Requiring the operator of specified stores to establish an at-store recycling program for plastic carryout bags; requiring specified stores to print or display specified language on plastic carryout bags; requiring specified stores to provide collection bins for the recycling of plastic carryout bags; etc.

Status: House: Hearing cancelled. Senate: No action.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0169.htm>

House Bill 173 (Maryland: Election Law - Voter Registration Agencies - Electronic Signatures) Sponsored by Delegates Ben Cardin and Ronald A. George

Authorizing an applicant registering to vote at a voter registration agency to consent to the use of an electronic copy of the applicant's signature that is on file with the voter registration agency as the applicant's signature for the application being submitted; and requiring a voter registration agency to transmit an electronic copy of the signature of specified applicants for voter registration to the State Board within 5 days.

Status: Passed both Houses. Approved by Governor 4/10/12 Chapter 106

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/HB0173.htm>

House Bill 190 (Environment - Noise Control) Sponsored by Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Environment)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to revise specified noise standards and sound level limits under specified circumstances; repealing requirements that the Department develop a specified plan, coordinate specified programs, and keep specified records; repealing requirements for the adoption and enforcement of noise standards, sound level limits, or noise control regulations by the Department or other units; authorizing a political subdivision to enforce specified sound level limits and noise control regulations; etc.

Status: Passed both Houses. Awaiting signature from Governor.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0190.htm>

House Bill 258 (Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Sale or Transfer of Solar Renewable Energy Credits – Elimination of Minimum Required Term)

Sponsored by Delegate Haddaway-Riccio

Eliminating the minimum required term for specified contracts involving the sale or transfer of solar energy credits.

Status: Passed both Houses. Approved by Governor 4/10/12 Chapter 115.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0258.htm>

Senate Joint Resolution 6 (Health - Prostate Cancer Screening) Sponsored by Senators Colburn, Currie, Mathias, Middleton, and Raskin

Requesting the Congress of the United States to seek the withdrawal of the United States Preventive Services Task Force draft recommendations against prostate-specific-antigen (PSA) screening for prostate cancer for men in all age groups.

Status: Senate: Passed. House: Last Action: First Reading 3/25.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sj0006.htm>

Senate Bill 126 (Department of Natural Resources - Land Preservation and Recreation Plans)

Sponsored by Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)

Establishing a minimum time frame for preparation and revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan; and requiring consultation with local governments when preparing the Plan.

Status: Passed both Houses. Approved by Governor 4/10/12 Chapter 28.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0126.htm>

Senate Bill 164 (Maryland Plastic Bag Recycling Act) Sponsored by Senator Conway

Prohibiting a plastic carryout bag manufacturer from providing, selling, or offering for sale plastic carryout bags for use or distribution in the State unless specified language is printed or displayed on the bags and the manufacturer has registered with the Department of the Environment in a specified manner; requiring a plastic carryout bag manufacturer to register every 2 years by

submitting to the Department a specified registration form, fee, and plan; terminating the Act after September 30, 2020; etc.

Status: Senate: Passed. House Last Action: Hearing 3/28/12.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0164.htm>

Senate Bill 173 (Public School Buildings - Carbon Monoxide Detection and Warning Equipment) Sponsored by Senators Klausmeier, Benson, Montgomery, and Young

Requiring the construction or remodeling of public school buildings to conform to a standard for the installation of carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment for commercial structures.

Status: Passed both Houses. Approved by Governor 4/10/12 Chapter 38.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0173.htm>

Senate Bill 213 (Tanning Devices - Use by Minors - Prohibition) Sponsored by Senators Raskin, Robey, Forehand, Gladden, Kasemeyer, Kelley, Madaleno, Manno, Montgomery, Peters, Pinsky, and Stone

Prohibiting owners, employees, and operators of tanning facilities from allowing minors to use tanning devices.

Status: Senate: Unfavorable report by Finance. House: No action.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0213.htm>

Senate Bill 236 (Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012) Sponsored by the President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Pinsky, Frosh, Madaleno, Montgomery, and Raskin

Altering the contents of a specified element that is required in a specified plan; prohibiting the approval of a residential major subdivision if a local jurisdiction has established specified tiers unless a planning board reviews and recommends the approval under specified circumstances; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from approving a major residential subdivision under specified circumstances on or before a specified date; etc.

Status: Passed both Houses. Awaiting signature from Governor.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0236.htm>

Senate Bill 240 (Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Fees) Sponsored by the President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Pinsky, Frosh, Madaleno, Montgomery, Manno, and Raskin

Increasing specified Bay Restoration Fees paid by users of specified wastewater facilities, onsite sewage disposal systems, and sewage holding systems beginning on July 1, 2012; and providing for the collection of specified fees by specified billing authorities under specified circumstances.

Status: Senate Last Action: Hearing 2/14. House: No Action.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0240.htm>

Senate Bill 302 (Financial Institutions – Commissioner of Financial Regulation – Investigative and Enforcement Powers and Regulation of Mortgage Lenders) Sponsored by Chair, Finance Committee by Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Repealing a provision of law that prohibits the Commissioner of Financial Regulation from exercising specified investigative and enforcement powers in connection with affiliates of specified financial institutions; repealing exemptions from the Maryland Mortgage Lender Law for a person that makes or brokers a specified number of mortgage loans in a calendar year and for subsidiaries and affiliates of specified federal and out-of-state financial institutions; etc.

Status: Passed both Houses. Approved by Governor 4/10/12 Chapter 55.

To view more information online, visit

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/SB0302.htm>

Senate Bill 303 (Credit Regulation – Debt Management Services – Agreement and Prohibited Acts) Sponsored by Chair, Finance Committee by Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Altering a notice that must be included in a debt management services agreement to clarify the right of a party to the agreement to rescind the agreement at any time; and prohibiting a licensed debt management services provider from violating any provision of specified State or federal laws.

Status: Passed both Houses. Approved by Governor 4/10/12 Chapter 56.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/SB0303.htm>

**Senate Bill 307 (State Board of Education – Financial Literacy Curriculum – Graduation Requirement)
Sponsored by Senator Klausmeier, et al**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to implement the financial literacy curriculum content developed by the State Board in every high school in the county; and requiring students to complete a course in financial literacy in order to graduate from high school.

Status: Senate: Unfavorable report by Education Health and Environmental Affairs. House: No action.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/SB0307.htm>

**Senate Bill 559 (Vehicle Laws - Prohibition Against Smoking in Vehicle Containing Young Child)
Sponsored by Senators Forehand, Kelley, Madaleno, Manno, and Young**

Prohibiting owners, employees, and operators of tanning facilities from allowing minors to use tanning devices.

Status: Senate: Passed. House Last Action: Hearing 3/27/12.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0559.htm>

**Senate Bill 625 (Tobacco-Free Schools Act)
Sponsored by Senators Forehand and Montgomery**

Prohibiting the use of tobacco products in school buildings, on school grounds, and inside school buses; prohibiting the use of tobacco products by specified persons at specified school-sponsored events; providing a penalty for a violation and requiring the penalty to be paid to the Cigarette Restitution Fund; authorizing a waiver of the penalty in specified circumstances; etc.

Status: Senate: Unfavorable Report by Education, Health and Environmental Affairs. House: No Action.

To view more information online, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/sb0625.htm>

Curious about the statewide redistricting? Check out the redistricting maps and information on the plan:

<http://planning.maryland.gov/redistricting/>

<http://www.mdp.state.md.us/redistricting/2010/congDist.shtml>

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,

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